

# Region 13 Regional Service Council

*Date / time* 1/24/2020 10:00 AM | *Location* IDOA Bloomington MAB – Lobby 2

Meeting called by: Laura Fish-Fair

Minutes: Trista Spires

Motion to Approve Minutes as Written: Jon Dauterman

Second to the Motion: Sonya Seymour

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## Meeting Minutes:

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### Topic

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM
2. **Review & Approval of November 15, 2019 Minutes**
3. **DCS Updates:**
  - All Region 13 counties now have a Local Office Director after filling two vacant positions.
    - ❖ 12/30/2019 Trisha Skillman – Lawrence County
    - ❖ 1/2020 Charlisa Davis – Monroe County
  - Monroe County Division Manager position is vacant & posted on the States job bank.
  - Several Family Case Manager positions are available for Greene & Monroe Counties
  - Region 13 added several Foster Care positions
  - Region 13 Legal Division is fully staffed
  - Job fair at IU Jan 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> to potentially recruit May graduates
  - Child Abuse Awareness Month is in April
    - ❖ Community Partners will be in contact with local offices to coordinate events
  - Parent Café Outreach is now occurring in all 5 Counties
  - Face to Face Contacts in all Counties was almost 100%, meeting our personal Regional goal
  - Residential Placement Committee meetings are now occurring at the County level
    - ❖ Monroe has 18 youth in Residential placement as of 1/23/2020
    - ❖ As an agency the overall goal is to have “0” youth placed in Residential care. This is not always going to be realistic. Therefore, Region 13 strives to have 10 or less youth placed in Residential placements.

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### 4. Biennial Plan:

- Department of Child Services is currently legislated to hold this process every 2 years
- See Action Plan Attachment
  - ❖ DCS work group met on 12/17/19 to create the provided Action Plan
- The Families 1<sup>st</sup> Act will go into place on October 1, 2020 in correlation with the CFTM portion of the provided Action Plan (Absence of maltreatment)
- Council Vote to Adopt Action Plan:
  - ❖ Sonya Seymour – Local Office Director, Owen County Motions to Adopt
  - ❖ Shawn McBride – Local Office Director, Greene County Seconds the Motions to Adopt
  - ❖ Action Plan adopted unanimously by Council

### 5. Public Comment & Adjournment:

- Andrea Bennett, Abuse Awareness & Accountability
  - ❖ Services every county in Region 13 with the exception of Lawrence County for Domestic Violence/Certified batterers intervention.
  - ❖ The company is currently preparing to move locations.
- Eric Slack, Licensed Foster Parent (Lawrence County) – How is execution of the Action Plan achieved?
  - ❖ Local Office Directors & Supervisors will review with Family Case Managers to complete & track practices.
  - ❖ Permanency Teams, Data Teams, Monthly Management meetings, Local Office Management meetings to name a few, are all levels that ensure the plan is being utilized.
- Brenda Dewees, Probation (Brown County) – Request if licensed group homes will be looked at again?
  - ❖ Placement so far away are not providing opportunities needed for families.
  - ❖ Previous Step Down from Residential to Group Home allotted better results and more needs being met while after care services were more available to families.
  - ❖ Laura Fish-Fair will follow up with her upper management regarding concerns & what this currently looks like.
- Joan Caylor – Fiscal
  - ❖ Budget Review: Under Budget 49.90% used of 50% in December
- Adjournment: 11:00 AM

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## Other Information

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**Next Meeting Scheduled: February 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM**

**Location: 1531 S. Curry Pike, Bloomington IN 47403; Lobby 2**